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Their Vertues, Use and Operations: Being the Peculiar Secrets and Aquisitions of the Author.

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ELIXIR Febrifugum Martis, is a pleasant Medicine that certainly cures the Plague, Pestilence and all Malignant Feavers ; Biting of Pipers, Serpents, Rattle Snakes, Venereal Tinges, and all inveterate and deadly Poysons whatsoever, whose malignant Ferments it Allays, and extinguisheth in a moment, and never fails to Answer the End desired, as will appear in several Examples hereunto annexed.

It also with great ease speed and safety, cures all confirm'd Rheumatism, Heickick, Quodidian, Putrid, Quartan, Tertian and Intermittent Feavers, Consumptions, Cholicks, Griping of the Guts, the Spleen and Vapours.

This Elixir is also brought into a Powder by Salt of Lymons ; by which name I call it, and is a Cathartick Acid of Excellent and Universal Use, in all cases that require Purging. A Dose or Two of it prevents Acute Feavers, and by expelling Filthy Slime and Coagulating Humours out of the Stomach and Bowels, secures the Patient against the return of those multifarious Distempers, and in all Chronical Diseases used as a Succedaneum to my Elixir, totally eradicates Hypochondriack and Scorbustick Affects, and both Restores and Preserves a Sanguine Constitution.

These Medicines are the peculiar Secrets and Acquisitions of the Author Mr. Stringer, Chymist and Physician, Prepared by his own Hand, as is enjoyn'd by Hippocrates as a Duty upon all Physicians, and was diligently observed by all Professors of Physick for many Centuries after him ; tho now degenerated into the Barbarous Custom of Prescribing or making Medicines upon a piece of Paper, which they send to Apothecaries Shops, where the Care of making up the Prescriptions, and consequently the Patients Lives are trusted to Apothecaries and their Apprentices.

But the Medicines here offered to your Consideration and Experience have been Studioously contriv'd, Revised, and so often Reformed and Meliorated by diligent Observation, long Use, and repeated Probations in divers Eminent Cases, that they bear the nearest Affinity to Universal Medicines, being Generous, Amicable, and comprehensive expedients, for the good of Mankind.

But to wave further Reasoning, I weighing against Abuses, or comparing with others : I shall proceed to the matters of fact the greatest Testimony, Assurance, and Satisfaction that can be given of Medicines, by shewing you what these Medicines have done and what in all probability they will constantly perform, if administered according to the Directions given at the end of the Paper.

This Elixir shew'd its Excellency in relation to Poyson, upon one Mr. Philipson, who was bit on the Finger by a Piper in Stocks-Market, at the Sign of the Feathers, now the Cheshire-Cheese, March the 29th 1698, which was kept in a Glass of Brandy to be shown amongst a Collection of Serpents, Rattle-Snakes, Lizards and other Animal Vegetable and mineral Curiosities, many Physicians and Chyrurgions had in vain attempted his Recovery, but their Medicines proving ineffectual, they left him in dread of Convulsions and Contractions, with an Inflammation in his Bladder, and extream Swelling in all parts. His whole Body was dyed as Yellow

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as Saſtron, his Jaw fallen, he lying in all appearance like a dead Man. In this dismal condition they left him, but upon Anointing his Finger with the Elixir above named, the Pain ceased immediately, and I gave him a hundred and fifty drops of it Inwardly, in a Porringer of Water, and after repeating it three several times, all the deadly Symptoms disappeared, and within an Hours time he went home perfectly Recover'd, and still continues in as good Health as ever he enjoy'd.

Here were four things very remarkable. 1ſt the delperate condition of the Patient. 2dly The expeditious performance of the Cure. 3dly Done by a ſingle Medicine (not variety of irkome Mixtures) where all other usual Precriptions failed. 4thly At a conſiderable charge; for had he paid for the Medicine, it would not have cost him above a Shilling which by any other Medicine might deſervedly cost many Pounds. This Cure being ſo ſuddenly and effectually perform'd, after ſeveral Phyſitians and Chyrurgeons had been baffled in their Attempts upon him; it ſo happen'd that when I had done the Work, and the Patient almoſt miraculously Recovering became the diſcours of the Town, ſome of those Phyſitians and Chyrurgeons, that made themſelves Busy about him to no purpose, had the Conſidence to claim the Honour of Curing him; which I finding redound to the Prejudice of my Self and Medicine, I thought my ſelf Obliged to procure a Testimonial from the Patient himſelf which he truly gave me in the following Words.

LET this Satisfy all Men, that I being Poſon'd by the bite of a Viper in Stocks Market, on the 29th of March 1698. ſeveral Phyſitians, Chyrurgeons and Apothecaries, attempted to Cure me, till they render'd me almoſt paſt Recovery, by their unſucessful Applications; and I had no Eafe or any hopes of Life till I was carried to Mr. Stringers Houſe in York buildings in the Strand, where by the uſe of his Elixir only, I was Cured in an Hours time; and to no other Person whatſoever, but to Mr. Stringer only (let who will pretend to it) muſt I (under God) aſcribe the Benefit of my Recovery. To the Truth of which I have ſet my Hand this 16th Day of November, 1699.

Witness, Robert Smith David Jones Thomas Philipſon.

Not long after this Cure was performed, a Servant in his Grace the D of D -- Kitchen was bitten in the Finger by a Viper and divers ill Symptomes immeadiately appearing, that Viper and another were Kill'd, and the Young Man according to directions Eat them both, which he was told would be his Cure, but finding the contrary, that he grew extreamly Feverish a great ſwelling in the Blaue of his Arm and elbow, and another about the Region of his Heaſt, which by their various Colours gave ſuſpicion that an Inſtitution was approaching, I was ſene to by his Graces Order, and I Anointed the Patients Finger, and the Tuſours with my Elixir, and ordering him to drink plentifully of it in Claret Wine left him to take his Rest. Next day I went again to Visit him; but found the Elixir had expell'd the Poſon, perfectly allay'd all the Swellings, and my Patient was gone abroad to take his pleaſure, and to joyce at his Deliverance from the Pain and perill of Viper-biting.

To this ſurprizing Experiment, give me leaue to add the Cucola Wo-

man living in St. Giles's in the Fields, who was Poyson'd with Arsenick and reduced to such a deplorable Condition, that she was given up for dead by the Physitians and Spectators; but was immediately recover'd by twice fifty drops of my Elixir, and continues in perfect Health to this Day. A Dog was also Poysoned with the same for an Experiment, and was as speedily Cured by the ELIXIR.

It perfectly Eradicates all confirm'd Scurvies tho broken out into an Eliphantiasis or Leprose, and the whole Body be but one entire Scab or scurf from Head to Foot, as it did in the Case of John Roberts of Rutken, John Cooper, and Jane Sample, who were perfect Lepers, and yet were restored to Health by the use of these medicines only, in a very short time.

Elizabeth Byard, who had 25 Pocky Ulcers upon her was by an order of Sessions appointed to Live in a Cabin in the Field, for fear of infecting the Neighbourhood but was by the use of these medicines only, perfectly Cured in a months time, to the great Admiration of all that knew her.

I could give hundreds of Examples of both Sexes, who have been Cured of the French-Pox by these 2 Medicines in London, particularly an Irish Soldier who was quarter'd in Westminster, and had been Flux'd 3 times by an Able Practitioner, tho to no purpose in the World. He had 14 Ulcers upon him with all the other attendants of that Distemper, and yet was Recovered by these medicines in a short time without confinement. In a Fresh Clap or Gonorrea, if these medicines be applyed immediately, they will check the spreading malignity in a moment, and perfects the Cures almost, in as short a time as the Disease was procured.

They are of incomparable Vertue against all kind of Worms, whether in the Stomach or Bowels in Young or Old. They break the Vermitick heap, kill the gnawing Animals, and Eradicate those pestiferous Inmates in Slime, with great ease and safety, far beyond the Use of Mercurial medicines, which often produce dangerous Effects.

No medicine equals them in the Cure of all kind of Feavers, to which they are so peculiarly adapted, that I never knew any miscarry that made use of them. A Lady's Woman in Chelsey in the heat of last Summer was assaulted with a violent Feaver, which constrain'd her to her Bed, and the Distemper was attended by ominous Prognosticks; yet by taking 50 drops of my Elixir in a Glast of White-Wine, and Water, she found Ease; which being 3 times repeated in an hour, her Thirst and Feaver were so abated that she rose, went down stairs, and in 2 hours time was perfectly well. The next Day She took a Dose of the Purging Salt of Lymons, and her Feaver returned no more.

A Gentlewoman near Aldgate, languish'd about Two Years under a Consumption, and other Concomitant effects that brought her even to the mouth of the Grave. She had the Advice of Sir Richard Blackmore, Dr. Chamberlain and others, but finding no help by their Prescriptions she applyed her self to the Use of my Elixir, took it in her drinck and broaths, and by Purging twice a Week with Salt of Lymons, she recover'd her Health in a little time, and still enjoys it.

Mr. Dixon a Painter, hearing that a Neighbouring Lady's Daughter was

was seized with a violent Fever, and Small-pox, and that her recovery was wholly dispaired of; he advised the Lady to give her Daughter some Drops of my Elixir, who finding some benefit by the first dose, continued the use of them as directed, and in five days time the young Lady was freed from all the dangerous symptoms of the Fever and Small-Pox, and being further advised to Purge after it with Salt of Lymons, to carry off the remaining malignity, which too often leaves matter behind which produce new Diseases, she followed that direction, and now enjoys a sanative constitution, after she was given up for dead by her Physicians and Relations

The same effect these Medicines had upon a Sope-Boylers Daughter in Golden-Lane, London, who perceiving the Small-Pox were breaking out upon her, had recourse to the Medicines, and by taking them early, the Small-Pox came out so plentifully and kindly, that she was never Sick all the time they remain'd upon her, and also went off without leaving any Pits, Scars, or Marks behind them, and the same effects will the Medicines have upon any Patient, either Young or Old, that takes them at the beginning of the Disease. In one Summer I Cured above 30 of the Small-Pox, at a Town called Wimswold in Leicestershire, only with these 2 Medicines, and not one died or was Pitted that took my Medicines, and not one Recovered that followed other methods.

The Medicines have proved effectual in Curing the Cholick, Vomiting, Jaundice and Fluxes under every denomination, As for Example Mr. Symon in Wapping, was so violently afflicted with the Cholick, or rather the Iliaca-Passion, that the intolerable Pain and Gripings, made him cry out like a Man upon a Rock, almost bending him double, and the frequent returns of this distemper, had reduc'd him to such a state of inactivity, that he was uncapable of Busyness, and liv'd in continued expectation of Death, at length one of his acquaintance advis'd him take of my Elixir, which at the third dose took away all his Pains, set him upright, and then purging with the Salt of Lymons to remove the cause, it so happily effected his Cure that he never complain'd of any indisposition since, tho it is now above 2 years since he recover'd. In common Fluxes, and Gripings it gives ease immediatly, as was experienced in the Recovery of many Soldiers that came out of Ireland, and brought the Distemper of that Country with them.

A near Neighbour of mine in Black-Fryers, was troubled with Spitting Blood to so great a degree, that the Learned were of opinion he had broken a Vessel in his Lungs, and besides this misfortune, had been long seized with a Hectick-Fever; but by taking 60 drops of my Elixir in Claret and Water, it stopt his bleeding. Next day he took a dose of Salt of Lymons which confirm'd his Cure, for he says that every Evening he found himself much stronger, and in a few days after, he perfectly Recovered.

B. P. Master of a Ship living at Black-Wall, was seized with the Yellow-Jaundice, and notwithstanding all eadeavours were employed to Cure him yet the distemper continued so long upon him that he was unable to walk, and sensibly declined every day more and more, insomuch that he refused to take any more medicines, as dispairing of Recovery, but being over perswaded by Captain Longworth, who had experienc'd these

medicines

medicines to take my *Elixir*, he took 50 drops of it twice a day, for a Fortnight without intermission, which perfectly Recover'd him. Not long after he went to Sea, and took a great quantity of both medicines with him, which kept both himself & his Ships company in health when a contagious Distemper reign'd at Barbadoes whither he was bound.

Nor have these medicines been less effectual in curing the Stone and *Gravel* in the *Reins* and *Bladder*; in which they give speedy Ease at any time, and by frequent use dissolve the Stone and brings away the *Gravel* to admiration. An aged Alderman of *Leverpool*, came up to *London* with a resolution to be cut of the Stone, but being brought to me by the Honourable *R. K.* I advised him first to try my medicines, before he under went that dangerous Operation: he consented and took the *Elixir* and *Salt of Lymous* 4 days together, and received so much Ease in that short time, that he quitted his Resolution of being Cut, and returned Home again in a good state of Health.

I always advise the use of both the medicines one after the other, that the Patient sometimes thinks there is no cause for it, but as soon as the Feaver or malignity of the distemper is abated they give over the thoughts of any other Process, but that is a dangerous Error, for the Effect will not cease till the Cause is removed; and what is the Office of the *Salt of Lymous*, which evacuates gently by Stool without disturbing or debilitating Nature, but gently and deliberately sending forth all *Feculent* degenerate or corrupted matter. Radically cleansing and purifying the body from *Flematick*, *Viscous*, *Acrid* or *Corroding* *Humours* drawing out the breeding or feeding matter of all Diseases, as the best Preventative and curative means, by keeping the Body sweet, clean and wholesome, without the help of Noysome Issues.

They both also Operate by Urine, purging the *Reins* and *Urinary Ducts* sending forth *Gravel*, *Sand* or *Slimy* obstructing matter, giving a free passage and current for Emission of Serosity. They are the most effectual Aperitives against all Obstructions (the great complaint of all diseased Persons) some in one part, some in another, *Lungs*, *Liver*, *Mesentry*, *Guts*, &c. From hence multitudes of diseases take their beginning. Obstructions cause Pain, pain raiseth a Feaver, and sometimes begets a Tumour, Interval and not perceived, or becomes Schirrous and Indurate. All this while our Prescribers upon Paper are Juleping, Glystering, and bleeding the Patient to allay the Feaver; but the stubborn Feaver will not yield to their insipid draughts of pretended Pearl Cordials, nor the various tinctures of the *Jesuits-Bark*; whereas this *Elixir* quenches the Heat of Feavers in a moment, more effectually than a whole Tun of Slip Slop Juleps, which Ignorant process has sent many thousands to their Graves. This is Practising by Rote as *Parrots* Talk and following Custom without Reason or the indignations of Nature: Whereas my medicines Operate by their own innate Virtue and Correspondence with Nature, and therefore can find out a disease when the Physician sees it not, nor knows what to aim at, and assists the Stomach in performing the beneficial Offices of digestion by disburthening

it from Superfluous, indigested matter, that blunts and decays the Appetite and is the Original of many Diseases.

One Taylor a Mariner, Brother to Sam. that Liv'd at Jonathans Coffee-House in Exchange-Alley, that had been a Voyage to the East-Indies, in which all the Ships Company died except himself, and the Ship was brought Home by fresh hands. At his return his stomach was distended, and stood out in a lump as big as a Loaf, his whole mass of Blood was corrupted, his Countenance Pale and Livid, and in the whole was a very frightful Figure: He advised with many Physicians of the greatest Reputation, who concluded he was poison'd by some ingring Venom, in which the Indians are great Artists, but could give him no Relief. As length he came to me, and I gave him a first ad-able dose of Selt of the best, and continued that course 4 days together, only lessening the quantity every day from the first, and also gave him 60 drops of the Selt every Night at bed time in hot Wine, which had such good effect upon him, that in 10 days he was perfectly Recover'd, and not long after went to Sea, in a Voyage to the same Country.

A young man, Servant to Mr. Francis Leister, Rector at New Hall near Lambeth, about the begining of March 1701 was possest by the Fumes of Lead, which caused great Pains, a dryness in the bowels, and continuing long upon him, had so macerated his Corpulency, and debilitated Nature in all its Operations, that he appeared a very weak Figure. He being committed to my care, I give him a very light diet, his broaths and drincks, and only Purged him 3 times with my Bals of Lymons, by which means being perfectly cured, it caused a general admiration in all that knew him: First that a man given up for dead should be so miraculously restored to Life, and next that it should be done in so short a time, and at such an incideable charge.

No medicine equals them in affiting Nature in the Office of Expiration, and consequently is beneficiall to all diseases of the Breast and Lungs, and dischargeth the peccant Humour by the help it gives to Nature: it digests tough Tlegm, opens the Pipes of the Lungs, cures Coughings, Wheezings and Shortness of Breath, is good for such as are phisical or Astmatick and promotes Transpiration by removing the Impediments that hinder Nature in that necessary Operation. Mr Huges an Enginner in the Tower, had such a stoppage and obstru^{tion} in his Lungs, occasioned by thole corotive fumes as he Fired the Fire Works in St. Jame's, at the Celebration of the Peace, that he was almost suffocated, and ready to expire for want of breath. About two moneths he continued in this miserable condition with a violent cough, and continued Pains, and upon the least motion in Walking, threw up great quantities of Fligm and whitish Quiter, streak'd with Green and other colours, which was not only noyous to me, but worse to him self: at two moneths end I undertook him, and gave him the Bals of Lymons successively in hot Clave, not 14 leis than a moneth reduc'd him to his former Health, and now is an inform'd as gone to be an Enginier in the State of Venice.

Mr William Fay of Emport in Hampshire, was violently affilied with an

Astma, insomuch that he could not lye down upon a bed, or couch, for many months together: but in the coldest Weather, was forc'd to sit up or Kneel in a chair, for if he lay never so little backward he was quite choked, and not brought to Life again but by great difficulty. This couch at last rendred him also extreamly *Hydropical*, and the unhappy conjunction of these two distempers made him utterly despair of being recovered; but by taking my Elixir in Wine and Water, and the *Salt of Lymons* in ho' Wine his Health was restored. I think he had but an Ounce of each medicine, and so was cur'd at the charge of 5s. 6d. of both those troublesome and dangerous diseases and has continued in health above these 3 Years. Another Person that had a Place in the Tower, whose Name I have no Authority to mention, was severly afflicted with an *Astma*, insomuch that by computing the time, in Twenty three Years he had not been three years in a bed, but Winter and Summer was obliged to pass away the Night in a chair, sometimes Sitting and at other times Kneeling, and often times was forc'd to set open all his doors and Windows to give himself breath. At length he was perswaded to make use of my medicines, and by taking two or three doses of *Salt of Lymons* in Water and Sugar, and the Elixir in White-Wine, he was able to lye upon his back and Sleep six Hours together. Others I could name that had *Thryssicks* alone, and *Phtyssicks* complicated with dropsies and Fluxes, that have received their cures from the use of these medicines, as *Mr Page* a Porter at the *Knight-marshall Office* in His Majesty's Palace at *Kensington*, Aged 76 Years, and *Mrs. Jordan* a Goldsmiths Wite in *New Street* in *Fetter Lane* & but I fear to be too Tedious.

They are also very efficacious in curing deafness, and many have received benefit by the use of these medicines, when all celebrated *Nos-trums*, and the manual Operations of Skilful Artift, have been rendred unsuccessful, as I could prove at large by many Instances, which I shall now omit, to tell you of one that happened very lately. my Father who Lives at *Leughborrough* in *Leicestershire*, had been deaf for many months and by reason of his Age was in no expectation of being cured but having some few drops of my Elixir by him, and knowing it had done good to others in the like case, was resolv'd to try the Experiment, and causing five or six drops of my Elixir to be dropt into his Ears, at twice using it, his Hearing was entirely restored.

Mr. Oliver Cromwell making mea visit the other day, with a *Turkey merchant*, he was pleas'd to tell me that a Friend of his had been tormented with a violent pain in Head, 3 days and nighes successively without intermission, and finding no help from his *Physitians* Mr. Cromwel perswade I him to apply the coronal Sators or the open of his Head with my Elixir, which he said perfectly cured his Friend, in leis time than he was acquainting me with it.

May 1700 A Goldsmiths daughter in the burrough of *Southwark* about 7 or 8 years Old was suddenly handled with convulsions, accompanied with strange convortions, dismal shriekings, foaming at the mouth, with other concomitant Passions, that sometimes attend that distemper, *fo*

so that many were of opinion she was bewitch'd, or as the vulgar phrase it, under an Ill Tongue, many Remedies internal and external were employed to relieve her, but proving ineffectual, confirm'd some in the Opinion there was fascination in the case; but they were soon confuted by giving her about 30 drops of my Elixir, which immediately vanquished all their ill symptoms, and restored her to Health, and gave the child's Father such a good opinion of the medicines, that he made use of no other Remedy to cure himself of a Rheumatism, and has successfully commended them to others, that were afflicted with the same distemper.

One Example more I cannot omit for its Notoriety, and that was of a Young Gentlewoman under the Princes Chambers, near the House of Lords about 22 Years of Age, who by a fall in the Street, being almost at her Time *Miscarryed*, and being unskillfully treated by her *Midwife*, was reduced in six months time to such a degree of Weakness, that her condition was deplorable, she was not able to turn her self in her Bed, and all her Friends and Relations were under sad apprehensions of losing her, but she being at last recommended to my Care, I gave her five Doles of my *Elixir*, and putt'd her thrice with *Salt of Lymons* which brought away the Rotten peices and petrid Clodded matter, which the *Elixir* had prepared for expulsion, and so effectually cleans'd and heal'd the parts affected, that in 3 weeks time she went abroad, and continues in perfect Health, who before was scarce out of Bed in Three months, and the Sinews of her Hams was very much *Contracted*.

Mrs. De la Clew, Living in *Westminster*, Aged between 95 and 96, was severely Afflicted with the Diseases of Old Age, had lost her Smelling and Taste for many Years, had great pains in her Limbs, a stoppage at the Stomach, shortness of Breath, and a Cancerous *Tumour* in her right Breast; which concatenation of Distempers made her almost incapable of motion, and her shortness of Breath had almost suffocated her: which a Friend perceiving, gave her a few drops of my *Elixir* in hopes to make her Breath more freely, and perceiving it had Effect, gave her a Dose or two more, which quite took off her Pains, cured her Breast, restored her Taste and Smelling, and so wonderfully gave her the use of her Limbs, that she now can nimbly ascend 3 or 4 pair of Stairs, and walk abroad on her necessary Occasions. This rare Example in so Old a Person, tho' for brevities sake I have omitted hundreds of others, I was unwilling to conceal; that the Aged might not despair of Help, no languish under the Burden of such Distempers, as are incident to decaying Bodies, when an excellent Curative and preservative medicine offers it self to their Assistance.

A Servant maid living with a Gentleman belonging to the *Bank of England*, had lost the sense of Smelling for 20 years; but by snuffing up some of the *Salt of Lymons* into each Nostril, at her going to Bed, and taking a Dose of the *Elixir*, was so relieved, that the next morning she was strongly surprised at the various Smells with which she was accosted, that she neither knew how to demean her self, or expel them; and for this and many other reasons, in cleansing the Head and Brains, I recommend it as the best *sneezing Powder* that can be used.

Having thus briefly shew'd you the vertue of these medicines in relation

to some internal Distempers, for to name all I have good Authority for, were to swell this Advertisement into a Large Volume : I shall next Proceed with the like brevity, to acquaint you with their Vertues in Relation to External maladies, in which they are no less prevalent than in the former.

I begin with *Pustules*, or an Extraordinary *Redness* in the Face which tho' often happens to great Drinkers ; yet it is as often a Disease in Temperate and sober Persons, proceeding from a *Crasis* in the Blood, and want of a good *Digestion* ; both which may be easily cured by these medicines, without trouble, Ease, or danger. A Reverend Parson of remarkable sobriety and Abstinence, thinking a *Red Face was a scandal to his Profession*, consulted a Physician in London, of no mean Character about the Cure of it, who after a few dilatory Essays, to lengthen the time and augment the number of his Visits, prescrib'd him a *Mercurial Wash*, Which rather inflamed than mitigated the *Redness*, and began to Ulcerate the *Pustules*, which put the Patient into a fright, for suffering Curiosity; *To make the Cure worse than the Disease*: where upon advising with me, I ordered the Patient to take a Dose of the *Salt of Lymons* twice a Week in Fountain Water with a little Sugar, and to touch the Pimples and *Pustules* every Night at Bed time with the *Elixir*. To this course I added the holding about the quantity of a grain of Corn of the *Salt of Lymons* in his mouth, which drain'd the *Glands* of the *Viseous Face* that caus'd the Inflammation, and by following this method 3 or 4 Days, the *Pimples* and *Redness* disappeared, and a new *Cutis* covered her Face without any sign of *Redness*, and so continues.

The same effect the *Elixir* has upon other Inflammations, and never fail to Cure an *Erysipelas*, *St. Anthony's-Fire*, the *Shingles*, *Ring-Worms*, *Tatters* and *Scald-Heads*, or such like Diseases in the Skin, Old *Ulcers*, *Scabbed* and *Running-Sores*, are commonly the scandal of *Chyrurgeons*, and rarely submit to a perfect Cure, but if heal'd up in one, break out in another ; but this *Elixir* never fail'd of Curing any Old *Sore* or *Ulcer*, tho' of 20 years standing ; and if the Patient purges throughly with *Salt of Lymons* after the *Elixir* has dry'd up and Skin'd the *Sore*, it will never break out again. This puts me in mind of an extraordinary Case ; A poor man in *Long Whatton* in *Leicestershire*, who above six Years since, had *Worms* bred in his Legs, in which he had seldom less than twenty Holes at a time, so wide that one might have turn'd his Finger in any one of them, and as one *Worm* died, the *Hole* heal'd up whil'st others bred in fresh places of his Leg. In this sad Condition he continued a long time, all men pitying, but none were found that could Cure him ; till by dropping some few drops of my *Elixir* once a day into the *Ulcers*, and then in a short time he was perfectly Recovered.

They also never fail curing of any kind of *Burn* or *Scald*, the part being anointed with the *Elixir*, and the Body kept Cool and Open by Purging with the *Salt of Lymons*, to prevent a Defluxion of Humours in the Part affected. my *Iron-Founder*, pouring a Ladle full of melted *Iron* out of the *Furnace* into the mould, by a mischance, let it fall into his Shooes which being pull'd off, and my Self being present, I anointed his Feet with my *Elixir*, which immediately took out the *Fire*, and his Pain utterly vanish'd in the space of five minutes or less.

SIR,

I have Read your peice of Experiments wherein are many wonderful Cures, but you do not mention the Gout, which makes me admire you shou'd omit the great Cures you have so expeditiously Perform'd : Especially that in the Year 1690, on Mr. Ralph Hindcock, near New-Chappel in our Parish, when he had been Bed-rid with the Gout, a great while and very Knotty, as well also Ann Horncsley, and several others long Afflicted with Sciatica's and severe Rheumatisms : And although it is Eleven Years since you left our Parts, they have had no returns of their Gouts, but remain in good Health. I think you do not, the World your Self and Family Justice in concealing your Knowledge in the Gout, for altho' these are so well known hereab ut, yet they not Echo so far as they ought ; I desire you to send me six Bottles of your Elixir Febrifugium, Martis and four Ounce Boxes of your Salt of Lemons with two Bottles of your excellent Nepenthes Febrifugium Martis, by Newcastle Carrier, and he will Pay you for them upon delivery . I am your affectionate Friend Henry Bern.

Woolington Parish near Newcastle Under-Lyne. October 8th 1701.

TO this I Answer, that the unreasonable Practices and blundering Methods taken in Gouts, have rendred that Cure so incredible, that nothing less than a Gilded-Coach and Six, with 100 Experiments too can Convince them, all which I had not before, tho' I have now at their Service, I will for 100. per Annum : keep any Person free from Gout and Rheumatism within 10 miles of L O N D O N and find Medicines, and forfeit 5s. for each Hour they lye in Pain in any Fit after I have sufficient Notice, and two hours Opportunity to Administer my Medicines (which require no Confinement.)

Ann Clew s, a Felmongers Wife, at Nantwich in Cheshire, as she was undressing her Child on the 4th of April, was sttuck with a Paralitic Distemper, which took away her Speech, and deprived the extream parts of sense and motion ; In this deplorable Estate she continued till the 7th of May, at which time I ordered her to be Anointed with my Elixir, from the mould of her Head to the bottom of her Back-bone, and both the Palms of her Hands, and the Soles of her Feet ; to purge with Salt of Lemons, and to take Elixir inwardly in all her Drinks, and Broaths, which being Observed according to Direction, she recovered her Speech in 48 Hours, and in a Fortnight after was Restored to the Use of her Limbs. Another instance in the Palz, was upon Mr. Brilgman an Ancient Man, Living within Cripple-gate London, who had lost the use of his Right Hand and Arm, and had no sense of feeling in it ; to him I prescribed the same course as to the Patient next before Named, and it had the same effect ; but much sooner, for he was perfectly recovered in less than two Days.

The Medicines are good Remedies for Weakness, and pains in the Back, Loins, Genitals, occasioned by Spermatick wastings in both Sexes, by cleansing and purifying the vitiated parts that opprest Nature, which being removed, assist her in gaining Strength and Vigor. Those that are molested with Venereal Diseases, ought to esteem their Medicines as precious Jewels : First because they enable every Man to be his own Phyſician, and ſecondly in respect of Privacy, for they hinder no Man from following his Buſineſſ at home or abroad, without the neareſt Relations perceiving they are taking Phyſick, keeping their own Counſel.

Such as are accustomed at certain Seasons of the Year, to take Preventive Physick, to keep their Bodies clean and wholesome if they please to take their Medicines, may lay aside the Use of Dye-Drinks, Pills and Potions, for nothing is so fit, nor will more effectually answer that intention, since they Operate so calmly and pleasantly, that the weakest Persons, Women with Child, or the youngest Children, may take them with benefit: for by continual proofs of their Virtues, more Stress may be laid upon them in these cases, than upon any two Medicines in the World. Another great conveniency in these Medicines, is, that they are Portable, and may be always carried about a Man with as little Trouble as a Watch, or a Snuff-Box, and so are commodious for Traveliars upon a Journey, without hazarding their Lives among strange Physicians and Stranger Medicines. Riding hard, and long Journeys, especially among Gentlemen and Citizens, that are not us'd to that Fatigue, often throw Men into Feavers, and with a little unskilful handling into their Graves, which may be prevented by carrying these Medicines in your Pocket, which drive away a Feaver in a few Hours, and alio enables the Traveller to pursue his Journey cheerfully, as you will see by and by.

Nothing is more wanting in Fleets at Sea, in Armies on Land, and in Hospitals, than these Medicines, for they will dexterously Act the part of the skilful Chyrurgeon, in such parts where neither his Eye can discern, nor his Hand come to help the Patient, and will do all the Work themselves by drawing off and evacuating all offending and feeding Humours which in *Wounds, Contusions, Imposthumes and Sores*, keep them from healing. Sir P. T. Kt. Riding Post, two Days and Nights, threw himself into such a violent Feaver, that he was scarce able to sit on his Horse; but calling to mind he had a Bottle of my *Elixir* in his Pocket, heallighted at a Spring and fill'd the Tin-Box he kept the *Elixir* in; in which Water he dropt fifty Drops of the *Elixir* into it, and repeating the same Dose, five miles further in his Stage, his Feaver vanish'd, he found himself very Lightsome and finish'd his Journey with great Ease and Satisfaction.

Besides the Cathartick quality, the *Salt of Lymons* is endowed with, it is an excellent *Denritifice*: If you do but touch an Aching Tooth with this *Salt*, it often takes away the Pain: If Rotten, Black, or Stinking, it makes them Clean, White and Sweet, only by rubbing the Gums every other Night with it, and Cures the *Scurvy* in the Gums by putting the quantity of a grain of Corn of it in the mouth, which will immediately be full of Water, with which gargle your mouth, forcing it strongly through your Teeth, and it will both preserve Teeth and Gums, to a very Old Age.

As soon as you perceive the usual Symptoms of the *Small-Pox* appear, viz. Pains in the Head and Back, cold Shiverings, Vomitting and sometimes a Rapid Feaver, whether it be Morning, Noon, or Night, first purge with *Salt of Lymons*, which will forthwith relieve Nature by expelling the offending Humour; afterward give from 30 to 60 Drops of the *Elixir* in White-Wine and Water if the Feaver be vehement; proportioning the Drops according to the Age of the Patient, while the *Pustules* are coming out give them at least three or more times in a Day and Night, but when you give them so often, give them in somewhat lesser Quantities. When

he Pox come out kindly give the Drops but twice in a Day in a Decoction of Vetches, made of White-Wine and Water. When the Pox begin to dry and the Fever is abated, anoint the Scabs on the Face with the Elixir, to prevent them from Pitting, and disfiguring the Face, when all the ill Symptoms are vanished, and your Patient is fit to walk abroad, Purge him three times together with the Salt of Lymons without Intermission, to carry off the Dregs of the Distemper while the Humors are in Float, least by giving them time, they settle and grow into a Disease for the future, for want of Purging of the Reliques of the Distemper, as too commonly happen for want of the Care aforesaid. If the Small-pox are fallen flat, or run into a Flux, give the Elixir in Claret scalded with some Saffron in it. But Purge not.

DIRECTIONS for taking the Elixir Febrifugum Martis and SALT of LYMONS.

THIS Elixir, is to be taken in Fevers, in a Glass of Wine and Water, or either alone, from 40 to 80 drops, according to the largeness of the draught or the greatness of the Patients Thirst: and repeated often till the Fever is abated, and their Thirst gone: and if the Fever is abated Purge twice or thrice with the Salt, which prevents the return of the Fever.

In Apoplexies, Pains of the Head, Calentures, Diliriums, and in violent Fevers, anoint the Open of the Head, the Nape of the Neck, and the Pit of the Stomach, sparingly with the Elixir, it forthwith easeth the Pain and Restores the Senses.

In Bites of Vipers, Serpents, or any Venemous Things, it is to be taken as in Fevers; and the Part Bitten, or Venomed, anointed with it.

In Venereal Cases, if the Clap be newly Taken, drink the Elixir plentifully in Wine and Water, Purging with Salt of Lymons, or my Antivenerial Past 3 times or more gradually. Let the Patients, if they find cause for it wash the Parts more particular affected, with 4 parts Water and one of Elixir, and if there be occasion to make use of Injections, do it with the same mixture, and you will find Ease suddenly; but when all the ill Symptoms are abated, don't forget to Purge well after it, for fear of any dregs of the Distemper should stay behind, and return with greater malignity and Danger. But if the Pox be old and attended with Shakers, Nodes, Bubo's, &c. then the Elixir must be taken constantly in all their common drink, and the Salt of Lymons must be taken three times in a Week, for a Month together, nay tho' the Symptoms abate sooner, yet the Patient must continue his course without Intermission: for it is harder matter to dislodge one old Pox than to cure ten new Claps, and therefore the greater Care must be taken.

In Rheumatism's, Fits of the Gout, Hypocondriack Affects and Vapours, it is to be drank plentifully 50 or 60 Drops at a time in Wine and Water; and it quickly thins and changes the whole Serum of the Blood, and takes off the Pains, and to prevent returns, Purge with the Salt of Lymons.

In Plurities, Quinsies, sustain inward Pains, and Wounds, drink it in good Claret warm (or other good Vulnerary Drink) as Tart as the Patients Pallie will admit: It performs all that Dr Colbatches Vulneray Tincture can in the last, and cures the former more instantly then bleeding.

In Consumptions, Head-Fevers, and inveterate Ptyicks, it is to be taken

in drink the Patient drinks, especially at meals; but they should drink but sparingly, and then drink White-Wine or Water, sometimes Old hock with a little Canary, and a few drops of Elixir; and once or twice a week purge with this Electuary, Conserve of Hope 2 Ounces, Sirrup of Clove-Gilieflowers and Sirrup of Alkermes; of each 2 ounces half an Ounce of Salt of Lymons. 3 drops of Oyl of Cinnamon, 4 drops of Oyl of Mint, exactly mixt and take the quantity of 2 Nutmegs in a Morning, they'l Purge gently; it evacuates gently all the tough Flegm which obstructs and inflames the Lungs and Bowels.

For the Worms in Old or Young, let them drink the Elixir in all their Drinks and Broaths, and Purge twice at full and change of the Moon, with Salt of Lymons. This Elixir taken in an Evening's Draught makes the Red-Wine drink like true French Beer or Ale, drink grateful and pleasant. In sprains, Burns, or Scalds, anoint the part and it Cures forthwith. In Ulcerations touch the part, or drop some into the Ulcers it disposes it to heal and diluted into Water, und the part bathed with it, takes of all Inflammations. Angint Corns, Warts or Wens with the Elixir, takes them away. Also makes hard Hands soft as Lady's, if Rubb'd every Night with it, yet makes strong Skin on places apt to Chafe. In Dropsey it is to be drunk 50 or 60 drops in Old Hock, Rhenish Wine, Rich Syder, or strong Stale Be. r, and let the Patient Drink sparingly.

The general method of taking the Salt of Lymons, to purge, is in the Morning early in Water, with a spoonful of Sugar, or burnt White-Wine and Sugar, or in half a Pint of Ale and Sugar, or any other Convenient Vehicle that best agrees with the Patients pallet, and the nature of the Distemper, or if to purge strongly, in a Sirrup of Buckshorn, Elder, Vickets or Roses, Honey or Treacle. The general Dose, for a Man or Woman is a quarter of the Ounce Box, but to Children half a quarter of it, more or less, according to their Age and strength, you must not omit Sugar in all Ages and Sexes. The Salt of Lymons is also an excellent Sternutary, and much quicker effectual safe and pleasant, then any other snuff usually sold. This purges all tough Vexemtions, whatsoever, and turns them to Water in 3 or 4 hours with great ease and gentleness, and requires no confirmation, in the hottest or Coldest Weather nor great draughts of Puffet-Drink.

February 18th 1701: From the Sugar-Loaf in Pye Corner near Smithfield.

S I R,

I have Cured several of Scall Heads, with your Elixir Febrifugum Martis, one which had it in a Lamentable manner for above 20 years: I anointed his Head with it, and gave it in all his Drinks and Broaths, and Purg'd him twice a Week with your Salt of Lymons. I have likewise Cured several of Rheumatism's, Feavers, and General Diseases, and in Burns, Scalds, Swellings and bruises. I have made many successful Experiments with them, and I ought not to omit its Curing of Warts, Wens, and Corns. I have done several great Cures amongst the Diseases of the Eyes, with your Eye-Water, which very far exceeds all other Colitions I ever met with, and it ought to be effectually published to the World, and if you please to Print this; I will give any body that inquire of me further Confirmation of every particular, and I am, Sir, your heel friend

Francis Stafford.

S I R,

My old Di temper the Drapie, that you cured me of about 3 Years ago, by a Cured habit of conseruance is again return'd, and my Legs and whole Body are swell'd like the poor English at Ambona, under the cruel Punishment of a Dutch Water Rack. Besides this malady our Country Doctors say I am attack'd by a dam'd hard Wind they call

all a Gachexia, which if in continuing the siege it turns into the Yellow Jaundice, I must surrender the Garrison to the Worms, and make a step into the dark that I am but very ill provided for. If upon this consideration, and the Money I have sent you to Pay for them, that you would please to send me a Reprieve from this sentence of our Country Doctors, in 3 Bottles of your Elixir Martis; if I Live, I will drink every Year a score of our Country Milk so young Gentlemen into the same condition, and send them to you to be Cured out of pure gratitudo for my own Recovery: I remember the Dropse seiz'd me in London by drinking of Claret, and you Cured me by ordering me to take your Elixir constantly in the same Liquor, so I had my Cure, and yet was indulged in my dear Debauchery, which was a double kindness, and will be so esteemed by all Men of my Complexion, who are extreamly fond of their Vices, and only desire health that they may enjoy them with a better gusto, now sir since the Peace and our being reduced to half Pay, we cannot reach that Noble Liquor Red, but are forc'd to take up with a Decoction of Barley, under the Names of Stout and Three Threads, and glad we can purchase that; Therefore I would fain know, if I may not take your Elixir in those Country Liquors, as formerly I did in Claret, when Fighting was in Fashion; for I am of the Opinion the Medicine is most effectual, when the Vehicule is pleasant and Approved. You see Sir what an ill Predicament I am in, that am almost Dead with Drinking, and yet to save my Life cannot abstain from that wretched Swinish custom of Guyling. Good Sir do what you can to cure my Body, and if I Recover, I will endeavour to mend my Life, and be thankful to God, and Dr. Stringer for it, in quality of his
Humble Servant

Nottingham. November 12th 1700.

E. Prior.

To Mr. Stringer, at his Refineries in the High Peak, Derbyshire.

Dear Sir,

When you Resided at Gloucester Hall in Oxford, I had the Honour to be Instructed by you in the noble study of Chemistry, and can only lament my Misfortune in being snach'd away from the University, before I arrived to a greater proficiency in so useful and excellent a Science; however I had the advantage of seeing the good Effect of the Elixir Martis, and Salt of Lemons, in many nice Cases, where Men of figure were unsuccesful; coming to London not long since, I was seiz'd with a violent Fever, and a Concination of other Distempers, no long to be mentioned here. I had the Advice of several Phyliitians without any success, at last bethinking my self of your Medicines, I procured from a place in Town where they are sold; But had not the happiness to find you, I continued to take your Elixir three times a Day in White Wine or Water, for the space of a Week: then I Purged twice with your Salt of Lemons, which quite took away my Fever and all it's dreadful symptoms. After that I took another Bottle of your Elixir, by which I am restored to as good a state of Health, as ever I enjoyed in my whole Life; Now hearing where you Reside in the Peak, I thought fit to give you Notice of this great Cure; and also desire you to send me a quantity of both your Medicines to keep by me for my own Use, and wherewith I may be sometimes oblig'd to my Neighbours, and in so doing you will Oblige sir,
Your very Humble Servant

From Dr. Knipes at Westminster

School, May 2. 1697.

John Flower.

Post

S I R,

Port Royal, Jamaica, October the 29th 1699.

IN my last I gave you an Account by the Richard and Sarah, that Dr. Thread-
 war, and other Physicians, have made Tryal of your *Elixir Febrisugam Maris*
 and have found it very effectual in removing all kind of Fevers in a little time,
 and that then I had sold but few of your Medicines, because it was not com-
 monly known among the People ; but now some having made use of them,
 with good Success, they have Communicated their Vertues to the rest of
 the Inhabitants, and it is much enquir'd for, and goes of at five Shillings a
 Bottle. It is found by Experience to be a great preserver of their Negroes,
 from malignant Fevers, which they are very subject too ; and therefore I
 desire you to send by the next Return a good Quantity, both of your *Elixir*
 and *Salt of Lymons* ; for you need not fear the Sale of them at a good Price,
 for they are now grown into Reputation, by the Experience that is daily
 made of them, &c. Yours to Command,

Robert Bevios.

S I R,

To Mr. Kittridge, in the Temple.

Y OU may remember when I was last in London, you went with me to
 the Houle of one Mr. Moses Stringer ; of whom I had some Drops
 called *Elixir Maris* against my *Asthma* ; I have found a great deal of good
 by it, but I hear he is Removed from the House wherein he did Live so that
 I know not how to send to him : I desire the kindness of you, if you know
 where he Lives, to send me an Account of the Place he Lives at, that I
 may know how to send to him for some more of his *Elixir Maris* ; I desire
 your speedy Answer, so I Rest,

Your Friend,

Empshot, September 21st 1700.

William Pay.

Mr. Kelsey Quarter-Master of his Grace the D. of Scoburgs Regiment of Horse
 made successful Experiments with these Medicines, amongst which a Woman
 at Godlyman in Surrey, run an Iron Scure through her Hand, he being present
 dropt the *Elixir* into both ends of the Wound, and bound it up, and it was
 well the next Day. At the same Place a Postillion was playing with a Stone
 Horse, who gave him a Hote buss, Bitt a Peice out of his Chin, and
 knock'd out one of his Teeth, so that there were both Wound and Bruise,
 this Gentleman dress it with my *Elixir*, which took away the Bruise, and
 his Chin in 2 days was covered with a Skin, without Scars, Wrinkles, or
 Scars, only a dimple Chin. He affirms that he Cured abundance of the
 Small Pox in the same Town, and that none that took this Medicine either
 Lied or were Pitted, although abundance others Died that took it not.

THE Elixir is Sold at half a Crown a Bottle, each Bottle containing an Ounce,
 The Salt of Lymons at Three Shillings an Ounce, or Twelve Pence the Box,
 each Box, being a Dose or Two Drams, and may be had at my House in Black-
 friars, at the Sun Coffee-House by the Navy Office, at Georges's Coffee-
 House, near the Upper End of the Hay-Market. At Mr. Richard Stringer's in
 Loughberleigh in Leicestershire, and no other place in London to prevent Cheats.
 And those that please to Sell, or Export them, may have an Abatement

of 15l. Per Cent.

P O S T.

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